

## DECISION ON APPLICANT REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Under section 60851 of title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, if the Bureau of State Audits or the Applicant Review Panel decides to exclude or remove an applicant from the pool of applicants being considered for selection to the Citizens Redistricting Commission, the applicant may, no later than 10 days after the date of the notification of exclusion or removal, request reconsideration of the decision if the decision was the result of an error relating to:

- Having a conflict of interest;
- Failing to satisfy the eligibility requirements for serving on the commission; or
- Failing to comply with the procedural requirements of the application process.

Name of the Applicant/Requestor: Syeda R. Yunus.

Date of the notice of exclusion or removal: April 19, 2010.

Date the request for reconsideration was received: April 28, 2010.

Description of the alleged error that caused the exclusion or removal: Applicant incorrectly stated in Part 3 of the supplemental application that her father, with whom she stated she has a bona fide relationship, engaged in an activity within the past ten years that causes Applicant to have a conflict of interest that makes her ineligible to serve as a member of the Citizens Redistricting Commission.

**Request for reconsideration is:** Granted.

Reason for granting or denying the request: Although Applicant answered “yes” to the question on the application that asks whether, within the past ten years, her father has engaged in any of the activities that would cause Applicant to have a conflict of interest under the Voters FIRST Act, when she went on to describe the activities on the application, she described the activities as her father running for a seat on the board of directors of a local hospital district in 2002 and his contributing over \$2,000 to his own election campaign for that seat. However, running for a seat on the board of directors of a local hospital district is not one of the activities that constitutes a conflict of interest under the Act, and under title 2, California Code of Regulations, section 60814, the contributions that a person makes to his or her own election campaign for a local public office are not contributions to a local candidate for elective public office that will generate a conflict of interest under the Act. It therefore appears that Applicant made an error in stating that her father has engaged in activities that would cause Applicant to have a conflict of interest, and that Applicant should not be excluded from the applicant pool on that basis.

Applicant’s current status: Included in the supplemental applicant pool.

Name and title of person making decision: Steven Benito Russo, Senior Staff Counsel.

Date of decision: May 3, 2010.